

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

LUIS MERCEDES, on behalf of himself and  
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

C & G SPORTING GOODS, LLC,

Defendant.

23-CV-7716 (JGLC)

**ORDER**

JESSICA G. L. CLARKE, United States District Judge:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, within thirty (30) days of service of the summons and complaint, the parties must meet and confer for at least one hour in a good-faith attempt to settle this action. To the extent the parties are unable to settle the case themselves, they must also discuss whether further settlement discussions through the district's court-annexed mediation program or before a magistrate judge would be productive at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within fifteen (15) additional days (*i.e.*, within forty-five (45) days of service of the summons and complaint), the parties must submit a joint letter informing the Court whether the parties have settled. If the parties do not reach a settlement, the parties shall in the joint letter request that the Court (1) refer the case to mediation or a magistrate judge for a settlement conference (and indicate a preference between the two options), or (2) proceed with an initial status conference.

Dated: September 1, 2023  
New York, New York

SO ORDERED.



JESSICA G. L. CLARKE  
United States District Judge